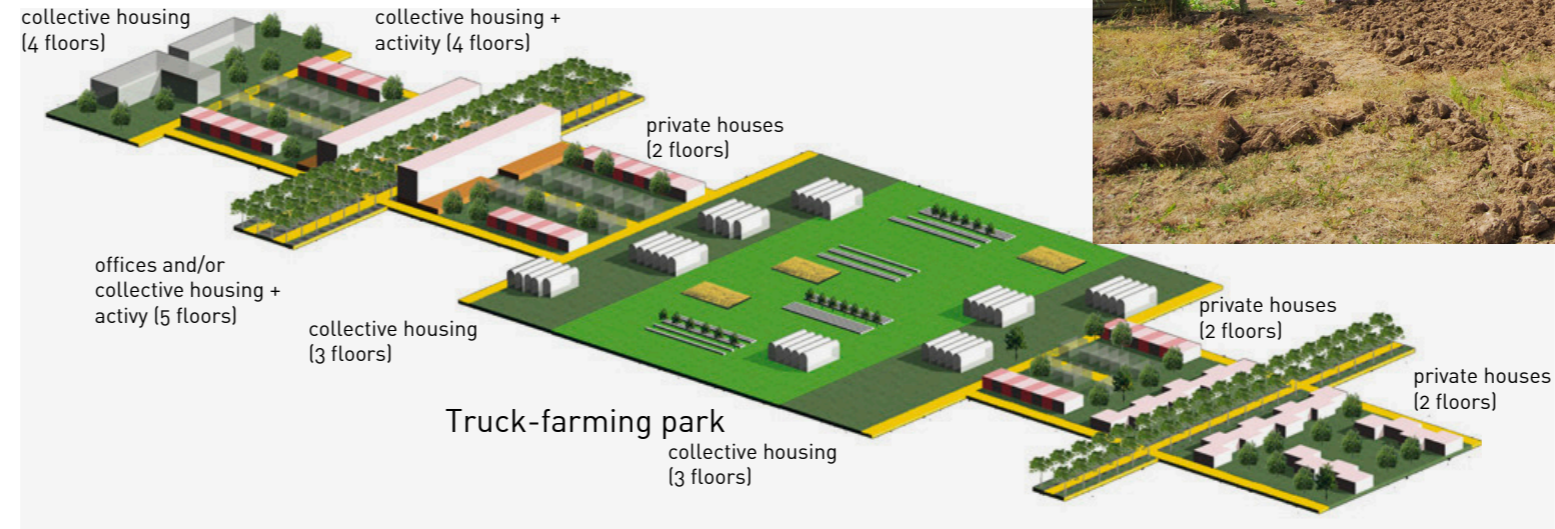


Raquet eco-district, Douai - France



URBAN PLANNING BY THE DESIGN OF THEMATIC PARKS

This new district housing 12,000 residents and located within the Douai ring road is laid out in a way intended to counter any accelerated suburbanisation. The cohesion of this section of town is assured by a series of taper-shaped thematic parks, a street grid organising the older districts and the extension of the tramway from the station to the activity areas (hospital, leisure).

Labelled as an eco-district in 2009 by the Ministry of Energy, Ecology, Sustainable Development and Planning (MEEDAT), it translates a desire to privilege different types of landscape that combine traditional activities, agriculture and housing. Adapted to this diversity, the housing will take the form of small blocks, town houses and innovative adaptable typologies positioned around the parks (pilotis, glazed houses), based on concepts defined by SEURA architectes and set by the specifications.